

I claim:

1. A method for treating a melanin related affliction, the method comprising the step of administering a botulinum toxin to the skin of a patient, thereby treating a melanin related affliction.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the melanin related affliction is a skin pigmentation disorder.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the skin pigmentation disorder is treated by increasing the pigmentation of the skin treated so that the treated skin becomes darker.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the skin pigmentation disorder is treated by decreasing the pigmentation of the skin treated so that the treated skin becomes lighter.
5. A method for influencing a skin pigmentation, the method comprising the step of administering a botulinum toxin to the skin of a patient, thereby influencing a skin pigmentation.
6. A method for treating a melanin related affliction, the method comprising the step of administering a botulinum toxin to a skin or hair location of a melanin related affliction of a patient, thereby treating the melanin influenced melanin related affliction by reducing a symptom of the melanin related affliction selected from the group of symptoms consisting of pain, inflammation and vascularization.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the melanin related affliction is treated by reducing a size of the melanin influenced affliction.

8. A method for altering hair color, the method comprising the step of administering a botulinum toxin to the hair, thereby altering the hair color.
- 5 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the hair color is altered by increasing the amount of pigmentation in the hair so that the hair becomes darker.
- 10 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the hair color is altered by decreasing the amount of pigmentation in the hair so that the hair becomes lighter.
- 15 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is selected from the group consisting of botulinum toxin types A, B, C, D, E, F and G.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is a botulinum toxin type A.
- 20 13 The method of claim 1, wherein the botulinum toxin is administered in an amount of between about 1 unit and about 3,000 units.
14. The method of claim 1, wherein the administration is by topical or subcutaneous administration of the botulinum toxin.
- 25 15. A hair removal method, the method comprising the step of administering a botulinum toxin to the hair of a patient.